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Finalists Selected for Tenth Annual Maryland Incubator Company of the Year Awards

***22 Finalists Chosen from Maryland's Incubators;
Winners to be Announced at Awards Ceremony on June 15***

COLUMBIA, Md. (June 2, 2010) – The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED), the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO), RSM McGladrey Inc., and Saul Ewing LLP announced today the 22 finalists for the tenth annual Maryland Incubator Company of the Year Awards. The awards recognize the achievements of current and graduate companies within Maryland's incubators. Winners will be announced at a ceremony at the Center Club in Baltimore on June 15, 2010.

"Maryland's incubator network plays a crucial role in our state's economy," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "There is a wealth of talent and promise in Maryland's incubators and I commend the finalists of the 2010 Incubator Company of the Year Awards for being considered the best of the best."

"For the past decade, The Incubator Company of the Year Awards has been the regions premiere event for recognizing innovation and achievement among Maryland's leading early-stage businesses," said John Wasilisin, acting president and executive director of TEDCO. "TEDCO is proud of the program and its rich history and looks forward to recognizing these hardworking and deserving companies in June."

The finalists and incubators are as follows:

Aricion Therapeutics (ETC) - www.arciontherapeutics.com
Ark Sciences (ETC) - www.arksciences.com
CSA Medical, Inc. (ETC) - www.csamedical.com
Moodlerooms, Inc. (ETC) - www.moodlerooms.com
StormCenter Communications, Inc. (UMBC) - www.stormcenter.com
Zane Networks, LLC (SSIC) - www.zanenetworks.net/znCMS/index.php
Amethyst Technologies, LLC (UMBC) - www.amethysttech.com
B&D Consulting, Inc. (TIC)
SI Tec Consulting, Inc. (Howard County EDA) - www.sitec-consulting.net
Lookingglass Cyber Solutions (ETC) - www.lgscout.com
Tactical Network Solutions (NeoTech) - www.tacnetsol.com
TransGlobal Business Systems, Inc. (TAC) - www.transglobalbiz.com
Remedium Technologies, Inc. (TAP) - www.remediumtechnologies.com
CrispTek, LLC (NeoTech) - <http://choicebatter.com>
FlexEI, LLC (TAP) - www.flexelinc.com
Plant Sensory Systems, LLC (UMBC) - www.plantsensorysystems.com
Clean Currents (RIC) - www.cleancurrents.com
Resensys, LLC (TAP) - www.erc.umd.edu/news/news_story.php?id=4089
Kempbio, Inc. (FITCI) - <http://www.kempbioinc.com>
OmniSpeech (MTECH)
Get Real Consulting (SGIC) - <http://getrealconsulting.com>
Ception Therapeutics (SGIC) - <http://www.ceptiontx.com>

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Incubator Key: Emerging Technology Center (ETC), Baltimore; Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc. (FITCI), Frederick; NeoTech Incubator (NEOTech), Columbia; Technical Innovation Center (TIC), Hagerstown; Howard County Economic Development Authority (Howard County EDA), Columbia; Shady Grove Innovation Center (SGIC), Rockville; Technology Advancement Program (TAP), College Park; techcenter@UMBC at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), Catonsville; Rockville Innovation Center (RIC), Rockville; and Maryland Technology Enterprise Institute (MTECH), College Park.

Awards will be made in various categories. Previous years' categories included Life Science Company of the Year, Information Technology Company of the Year, Technology Service Company of the Year, Homeland Security Company of the Year, New Incubator Company of the Year, Technology Transfer Company of the Year, and Graduate Company of the Year.

"Businesses and start-up companies in Maryland's incubator network are the backbone of our state's economic renewal," said Konstantina M. Katcheves, a partner at Saul Ewing and Chair of the firm's Life Sciences practice group. "Finalists in this year's Incubator Company of the Year Awards were able to make important contributions to technology and life science industries despite an uncertain economic climate. Saul Ewing applauds these companies and their accomplishments and thanks all of our talented applicants."

"As a founding partner of The Incubator Company of the Year Awards, RSM McGladrey congratulates the finalists of our tenth annual awards program," said Brian S. Meritt, a managing director of RSM McGladrey Inc. "One of the most impressive aspects of the awards program is the wide-variety of innovations and industries represented. This diversity reflects the ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit of the Maryland incubator network. We look forward to celebrating these contributions."

Application finalists and category winners are chosen by a group of regional industry leaders and early-stage investors. The selection committee this year includes: Gregory Barger, Calvert Street Capital Partners; Philip Bogart, Saul Ewing, LLP; Patrick A. Cairns, Montague Newhall Associates, Inc.; Brian Carney, Harbert Venture Partners; Martha Connelly, Maryland Industrial Partnerships (MIPS), University of Maryland; Christine Copple, Starise Ventures; Charles Cullen, Grotech Ventures; Brian Darmody, University of Maryland, Research & Economic Development; Randy Domolky, Liquid Capital Group; Yair Flicker, SmartLogic Solutions, LLC; David Freschman, FashInvest; Jay Fridkis, Bottomline Growth Strategies, Inc.; Yali Friedman, thinkBiotech, LLC; Valerie Gaydos, Fifty-First Associates, LLC; Thomas Gillespie, In-Q-Tel; Elizabeth Good Mazhari, Johns Hopkins University; Mark Grovic, New Markets Growth Fund; Michael Gutch, HIG Ventures; John "Jack" Hollerbach, HarVest Bank of Maryland; Andy Jones, Boulder Ventures; Konstantina Katcheves, Saul Ewing LLP; Richard A. Kohr, CPA Chesapeake Emerging Opportunities Club; Steve Kozak, Greater Baltimore Technology Council; Lenard Marcus, Edison Venture Fund; Aris Melissaratos, Johns Hopkins University, Tech Transfer Office; Robbie Melton, TEDCO; Brian S. Meritt, RSM McGladrey Inc.; Joe Migliara; Sanya Mistry, Quaker BioVentures, Inc.; David Mott, New Enterprise Associates; Ruchika Nijhara, Georgetown University, Office of Technology Commercialization; Eric Orlinsky, Saul Ewing, LLP; Alexander Perry, Anthem Capital; Jigar Raythatha, Red Abbey Venture Partners; Michael Salgaller, Biologics Consulting Group; Amita Shukla, New Enterprise Associates; Paul Silber, Silber Associates; Kyp Sirinakis, MASA Life Science Ventures, LP; Jae Sly, Strategic BioPharm Consulting, Inc.; Brian Taylor, Growing Company Solutions, Inc.; Sever Totia, Edison Venture Fund; Geeta S. Vemuri, Quaker BioVentures; Jonathan Wallace, WWC Capital Group; John Wasilisin, TEDCO; Ben Wu, DBED; Matt Zuga, Red Abbey Venture Partners.

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